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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT.

REFS: BA 7387 AND STATE 210497.

1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF NOTARIZED AUTHORIZATION FROM ATRAVEL AGENT RUBINOS IN TIERRA DEL FUEGO, CASA SIERRA TOOK ALL PAPERS TO CEMTERY AUTHORITIES TO ARRANGE FOR CREMATION AND WAS THEN TOLD BY CEMETERY LEGAL AUTHORITY THAT JUDGE IN TIERRA DEL FUEGO DID NOT SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZE CREMATION IN HIS JUDICIAL NOTE. CEMETERY NOW REQUESTS ANOTHER NOTE FROM JUDGE SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZING CREMATION OR SHIPMENT OF BODIES OUT OF COUNTRY SINCE NOTE FROM JUDGE MENTIONS CRIMINAL CASE AGAINST TAXI DRIVER WHO KILLED THOMAS COUPLE. CASA SIERRA REPRESENTATIVE REPORTED ABOVE TO EMBASSY OCT. 26.

2. EMBASSY INTENDS BRING MATTER TO IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF LEGAL AFFAIRSECTION OF FONOFF TO SEE IF SOMETHING CAN BE DONE TO AVOID ADDITIONAL DELAYS IN REQUESTING ANOTHER NOTE FROM JUDGE IN TIERRA DEL

FUEGO. INTERPRETATION BY CEMETERY AUTHORITIES APPEARS ARBITRARY TO EMBASSY, AND PERHAPS ASSISTANCE FROM FONOFF ALL THAT NEEDED MOVE THIS LONG DELAYED CASE TO CONCLUSION. WILL ADVISE FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH FONOFF. SENATOR FONG INTERESTED.
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